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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7748**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 531

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 12, 2005

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Aging Division and Office of Aging.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Server

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL**  
                              **DEDICATED**  
                              **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill removes the Bureau of Aging from the Division of Disability, Aging, and Rehabilitative Services and creates the Office of Aging, which reports directly to the Governor, on January 1, 2006. The bill requires the Governor to report to the Legislative Council regarding statutory changes needed to make this transfer.

The bill also requires the Legislative Services Agency to prepare legislation for the 2006 regular session of the General Assembly to change statutes affected by the transfer.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2005.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** *Summary:* The establishment of an Office of Aging and the statutory transfer of various functions and responsibilities to the Office will not necessarily represent a fiscal impact to the state. Any costs that might be incurred from a physical relocation of offices and any expenditures that could be reduced because of operational efficiencies will depend upon administrative actions.

*Background:* Under current statute, the Bureau of Aging and In-Home Services (BAIHS) is a bureau within the Division of Disability, Aging, and Rehabilitative Services of the Family and Social Services Administration.

This bill would remove programs and services to the aging from the BAIHS and establish the Office of Aging as a separate agency reporting to the Governor, effective January 1, 2006. The bill also establishes the Bureau of In-Home Services as a separate bureau within the Division of Disability and Rehabilitative Services.

The bill provides that the Governor is to report to the Legislative Council the statutory changes that may be necessary to accomplish the transfer of powers, duties, and functions necessary to facilitate the change. The legislative changes are to be prepared for introduction in the 2006 regular session of the General Assembly.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

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**State Agencies Affected:** Division of Disability, Aging, and Rehabilitative Services; Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning; Family and Social Services Administration.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:**

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